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GENERAL BELL AND LIEUT. BENET ON THE LOGAN

General J. Franklin Bell, who is to succeed Major General Duvall in command of the department of the Philippines, arrived in the transport Logan from San Francisco, accompanied by Captain Peter W. Davison, 23rd Infantry, and Captain Morris Locke, 3rd Field Artillery.

The 8th Cavalry is to relieve the 12th Cavalry at Manila and the latter are expected to pass through Honolulu on or about February 3rd. The 8th have already been service in the Philippines, having been stationed there some three or four years ago, when they occupied Fort McKinley and Camp Wallace.

Lieut.-Col. Benet also arrived to inspect the mortar batteries at Fort Ruger, and the twelve-inch guns at Fort Kamehameha, as well as the fortification works at Fort Armstrong. The eight mortars will be thoroughly tested, and it is anticipated in army circles that "live" projectiles will be used in the tests.

ASSAULT CASE.

James Evans is on trial before Judge Cooper for having criminally assaulted Helen Napopahee. The following jury has been empanelled:

A. A. Dunn, Thos. Rewcastle, F. H. Kilbey, Geo. Jurgensen, Sam Ladd, C. L. Crabbe, Paul O. Schmidt, W. M. Buchanan, Herman G. Lemke, Wm. Jordan, Bruce Cartwright, Jr., and John Markham.

OFFER TO HAVE DOPE SMOKED

The case of Goo Yee, who was charged with having sold three tins of opium to a Mr. Rosenberg, was before Commissioner Davis yesterday. District Attorney Breckons was interrogated regarding the contents of the tins. He said they were opium, and then made a test, which he said was sufficient to show him that the tins contained opium or a preparation of opium. He offered to obtain someone who would smoke it, but the commissioner thought that Mr. Lightfoot, who appeared for Goo Yee, would be quite satisfied.

Mr. Lightfoot said that he was. Goo Yee was bound over to take his trial, and the bond was set at \$1000.

District Attorney Breckons said that he was quite prepared to accept the same bondsmen as before.

A BAD ELEMENT.

The expense that the County has been put to, for supporting and maintaining its prisoners, as will be seen in the report of the meeting of the Board of Supervisors this week, was over \$250, which is nearly double the amount spent per month the first part of the year. The increase in the number of prisoners cared for is very largely made up of Filipinos, we are informed.—Garden Island.

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COURT WON'T DECIDE BETS ON ELECTION

An action for the return of \$50 deposited by W. Vida with Maxim as part of a stake depending on the result of the recent election for mayor was decided in the police court by District Magistrate Lymer.

Vida had made a bet with A. Jung, a clause of \$50 that Lane would win out and the money was deposited with Maxim. When the result of the election was known Maxim paid the money over, but later on Vida applied for the return of his stake. District Magistrate Lymer gave judgement for defendant, stating that his view of the law generally was that unless there was some revocation of authority before the stakeholder paid over the money, the man who made the bet had no standing in law. It seemed to him that a man who made a bet and then came into court and made it an issue whether the election was finally decided or not, was making the court a party to the illegal transaction, and was in fact asking the court to decide whether A or B had won the bet. No court would entertain such a proposition. On the evidence as it stood before the court it appeared that Maxim had paid the money over before being informed of any revocation of authority and the court was not going to be a party to the transaction.

Attorney McBride appeared for the plaintiff and argued that Maxim had no right to pay over the money as the election had not been finally decided, and he also urged that a party to a bet could withdraw before the election was finally decided.

PAY NATIONAL GUARDSMEN

WASHINGTON, December 13.—A bill of far-reaching interest, affecting in a great measure the effectiveness of the national guard in every State and Territory in the United States, was introduced in the senate yesterday by Senator Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania, providing for the payment to all members of the national guard who attend at least forty-eight drills a year a sum equal to twenty-five per cent of the pay of a soldier in the regular army.

Should this bill pass, and the sentiment among all classes of the legislators at the National Capital seems in favor of the bill, it will mean, according to the advocates of the bill, added efficiency in the national guard, more interest by the enlisted guardsmen and an increased enrollment.

There are at present about 120,000 men and officers on the rosters of the various States and Territories, more than double the strength of the regular army, upon which nearly \$100,000,000 is expended annually, and it is estimated that while the proposed legislation will mean the expenditure of a large sum yearly, the benefit to follow in case the country calls for trained soldiers will be incalculable.

For several years legislation for the closer welding of the regular army and the various national guards has been advocated, but until the present bill was introduced, nothing practical along these lines has been introduced in congress.

Within the Territory of Hawaii the members of the national guard con-

sists of twelve staff officers, thirty-seven regimental officers and 557 enlisted men. But there, as well as in other parts of the country, it is expected that the new law, if passed, will greatly increase, not only the efficiency of the guard, but probably double or more the number of enlistments.

WORLD-WIDE CRUSADE AGAINST OPIUM TRADE.

WASHINGTON, December 13.—A call has been issued for an international conference, which practically all the nations of the world are invited to attend, to consider the problem of the opium traffic. It is proposed to hold the conference at The Hague, on May thirtieth of next year, and it is expected that the attendance will be large.

The particular countries having the greatest interest in this conference are China, Great Britain, the United States and India's native states. But in other countries also the startling growth of the drug habit has aroused a realization that it is time to or-

ganize a world-wide crusade against this nefarious traffic.

ITALY WINS POINT IN FIGHT FOR CHARLTON.

WASHINGTON, December 13.—The state department yesterday issued a warrant in favor of the Italian government for the surrender of Richard Charlton of Philadelphia, who is charged with having brutally murdered his wife near Lake Como, in Italy, last May and hidden her body in a trunk, which he threw into the lake.

Charlton is now in jail in Hoboken, New Jersey, where he has been examined by alienists and pronounced insane. It is understood that the warrant is subject to habeas corpus proceedings instituted in the New Jersey courts.

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